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city sleeps  
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Roger Tunis

## Ultimate action

Several hundred people attended an afternoon "Hacky Sack-Frisbee Festival" held in Elmwood Park Sunday. The festival featured demonstrations on Frisbee tossing and Hacky Sack kicking. The festival, sponsored by Wham-O! toy company and Kaepa shoe manufacturer, also featured tips on how to play Frisbee ultimate (above photo), a game combining elements of soccer and football.

## Surcharge revenue to stay on UNO campus

By PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

UNO found itself one step closer to solving its financial problems for the 1985-86 fiscal year when the University of Nebraska Board of Regents Saturday approved a resolution which will allow an estimated \$463,128 in student-generated funds to remain at the Omaha campus.

The funds will be raised through a one-time surcharge that students on all three NU campuses will be paying this fall. The surcharge is expected to raise an estimated \$1.9 million for the entire system (nearly \$1.2 million going to UNL and an estimated \$279,913 going to the Medical Center).

UNO's funds will be used to cover budget deficits of over \$700,000, said Lou Cartier, director of University Relations. According to Cartier, there are three major shortfalls which need to be erased: a \$187,000 budget cut the Nebraska Legislature made earlier this year, an additional \$366,500 which was cut from the athletic budget and a \$157,000 shortage in funds for administrative computing.

Earlier this summer, the university cut men's and women's track and the baseball program, cutting the shortage by \$112,000. An additional \$82,000 was also cut from the College of Continuing Studies. Finally, the university ordered an indefinite freeze on all equipment purchases earlier this month (personnel appointments and travel expenses have also been strictly reduced). Monetary savings resulting from the spending freeze are not yet known, said Cartier.

On paper it would appear that UNO only needs to cover a deficit of about \$50,000 for fiscal year 1985-86. However, Cartier said that those figures may not accurately represent the situation. "I think still in front of us is the possibility that our budget is going to be out of whack," said Cartier.

According to Cartier, a special session of the Legislature could result in additional funds being cut from the budget. In addition, there is also the possibility that enrollment for this fall will not meet current expectations, resulting in a shortage in tuition revenue.

The director also pointed toward next year and the probability of further cuts from the athletic program. According to Cartier, the present budget answers will prove to be nothing more than "a band-aid solution" unless the university develops a stronger base of support in both the public and private sectors. "We need the support of the entire community," he said.

Cartier said that the campus-wide spending freeze will continue to remain in effect until the overall budget picture could be given "a thorough analysis." He said any money that the freeze generates in excess of this year's deficit will be used toward expected shortfalls for the 1986-87 fiscal year.

According to Cartier, the spending freeze was necessary to show the urgency of this year's budget crisis and "create a sense of awareness and commitment throughout the university."

## Pharmacy College escapes regents' chopping block

By PATRICK C. STEPHENSON

Lincoln — The University of Nebraska Board of Regents voted Saturday to retain the Medical Center's College of Pharmacy and the Lincoln division of the College of Nursing through a process of tuition increases and fund reallocation.

The proposal, which was offered by Regent Robert Koefoot, calls for an average tuition increase of approximately 36 percent for each student at the Medical Center. The largest increase will be felt by students in the medical college. Their tuition will rise from \$3,621 to \$4,806 (an increase of 32.8 percent).

The largest percentage increase, however, will be felt by pharmacy students. Their tuition will increase from \$1,509 to \$2,409 (an increase of 59.6 percent). Tuition in the nursing college will rise from \$1,082 to 1,358 (up 25 percent). Finally, tuition for dentistry students will go from \$3,126 to \$3,961 (up 27.5 percent).

The decision to raise tuition at the Medical Center came after

a major public outcry against Medical Center Chancellor Charles Andrews' recommendation to close the College of Pharmacy and the Lincoln division of the College of Nursing in the face of huge budget deficits throughout the NU system. If approved, Andrews' proposal would have phased out both programs in four years.

Reading from a prepared statement, Koefoot acknowledged the public support for the two endangered programs and suggested that the regents, as elected representatives of these citizens, had no choice but to respect this "clear and strong" outcry.

"The last two months, to put it mildly, have been hell for the University of Nebraska community and for members of this body," said Koefoot. "Circumstances beyond our control have fostered a period of fiscal and academic turmoil. Nowhere has this anguish been more evident than at our Medical Center."

Koefoot also expressed praise for Andrews and his actions,

saying the chancellor is "the right man for the right time at this university." The regent said that Andrews acted with "a high degree of personal and professional integrity."

"His recommendation — although controversial — addresses the highest notions of public policy and public choice," said Koefoot. "The Board of Regents and all Nebraskans are indebted to Dr. Andrews for his conduct and demonstrated leadership during this period of political uncertainty."

Addressing the regents, NU President Ronald Roskens also expressed concern that the solution provided would not solve the long-term needs of the university. "The position you have taken is obviously not the one that we prefer," he said.

Koefoot's proposal, although approved by the regents, received less than overwhelming support. In separate addresses, Regents Nancy Hoch and Robert Simmons both expressed concern that the decision not be viewed as the regents yielding to

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## Regents accept construction bid for Science Building

If plans go as scheduled, most UNO science students will find themselves studying in a new 93,000-square-foot Science Building as early as the 1987-88 school year.

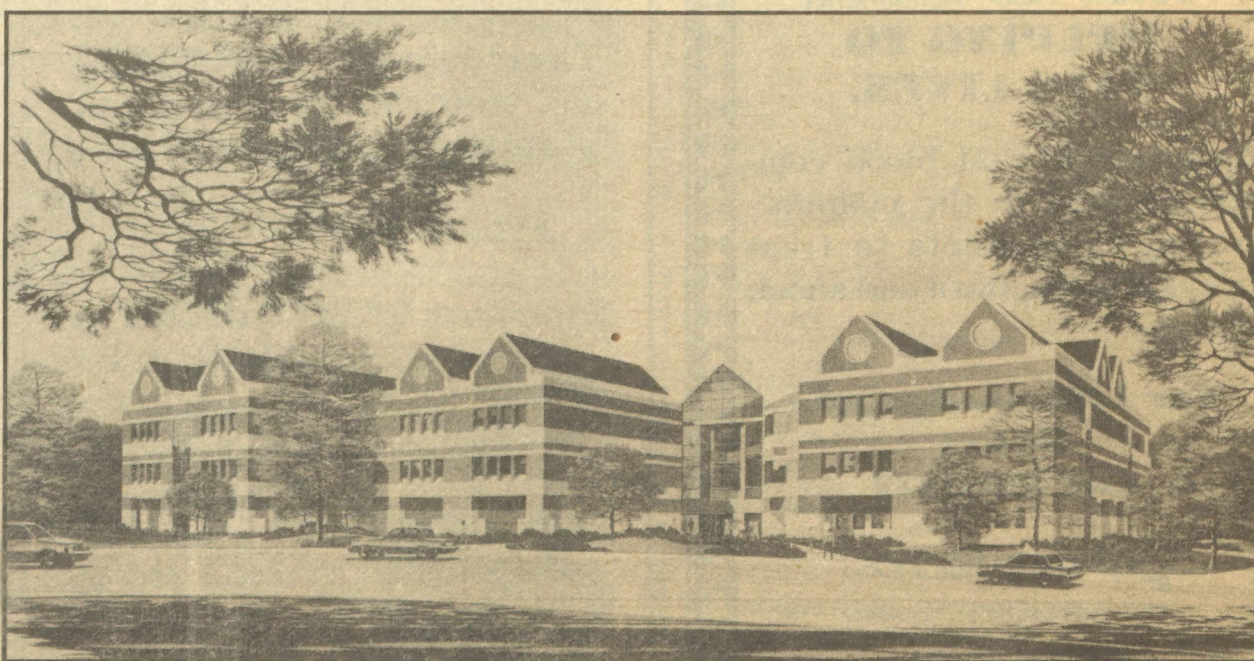
The University of Nebraska Board of Regents Saturday accepted a bid of about \$11.9 million from Kiewit Construction Company for construction of the building. The project is expected to begin in August.

The regents also approved the sale of nearly \$6 million in bonds to finance a portion of the construction costs. Total cost of the building project is estimated at \$14.5 million, including construction, design and inspection, fixed and moveable equipment, and utility relocation.

The three-story, brick veneer building will be located just west of the University Library on the northwest portion of campus. The building will house the university's chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and geography/geology departments. The building will also accommodate 886 general-use seating stations.

A glass atrium will be located at the center of the building. It will serve as a building entrance and common circulation area for students.

The present east-west pedestrian walkway that runs through the center of campus will be extended beyond the University Library to provide access to the new building. The south side of the building will feature a courtyard area while the north side will be bordered by the new circulation road that is currently under construction.



The new Science Building is scheduled for completion by the 1987-88 school year. The above artist's conception was provided by the architectural firm of Henningson, Durham & Richardson.



## News Briefs

## Memorial service scheduled

A memorial service for Verda Rauch, associate professor of teacher education, will be held Aug. 9 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 5410 Corby St. at 10:30 a.m. Rauch and her brother, Ardy Rauch, died July 19 in a two-vehicle accident on the southern border of Glacier National Park in Montana. Rauch had been with UNO since 1955, when she was hired as a secretarial science instructor.

### Summer shuttle stopped

The Ak-Sar-Ben shuttle bus has been discontinued for the rest of the second summer school session due to lack of use by the university community.

### Any record experts?

Margery Turner, a former UNO professor who died recently, has bequeathed "an extensive record collection of classical music to KVNO," said Peter Marsh, acting KVNO station manager. According to Marsh, many of the

records could date from the 1930s.

Marsh said the UNO public radio station could use some help evaluating the collection from someone with an interest in or knowledge of older classical records. Classical music record experts can contact Marsh at KVNO, 554-2716.

### Coffee and college

UNO's admission office is sponsoring a special program Saturday, Aug. 10, for adults returning to college or thinking about attending college for the first time. "Coffee and a Taste of College Information Session for Adults" will take place from 10 a.m. to noon in the Performing Arts Center (on Dodge Street between the Student Center and the Library).

The informal sessions will provide information and support to adults pursuing higher education. Topics include: "How to get started, and what to expect," "How to receive free professional counseling on educational and ca-

reer planning and financial aid" and "How to find specific programs for adult learners and receive credit for prior learning." Optional campus tours will be available.

Reservations are preferred, but not needed. For more information or to register, call 554-2393.

### Campus symphony

Musicians are invited to audition for the UNO Symphony Orchestra's 1985-86 concert season. Public auditions are Aug. 21 (strings) and Aug. 22 (wind and percussion instruments) at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Room 109.

Major works from the baroque period to the 20th century are performed in four concerts each year. Rehearsals take place every Monday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at UNO.

For more information, call the music department, 554-2251.

### Strikes and spares

The UNO faculty/staff bowling league starts Aug. 28. For information on signing up and locations, call Butch Baker, 554-2616.

### Foreign relations

Bruce Garver, UNO history professor, opens a series of talks on Soviet-American relations Aug. 6 at the Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam St. Garver will trace the domestic and foreign policies of the Soviet Union from 1917 to 1939, the Lenin and Stalin eras.

Admission to the noon lecture is free. You may bring a sack lunch, or a \$2 lunch is available by calling 345-3039 by noon today.

### Summer commencement

Commencement ceremonies for August graduates will be held at 10 a.m. Aug. 18 in the Fieldhouse. Faculty planning to attend need to order their academic regalia from the Bookstore by calling 554-2336.

# Tuition increases salvage Medical Center programs

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the views of a few vocal individuals. In addition, Simmons advised the regents to realize that the decision "is not an answer, only a postponement."

Regent Kermit Hansen, although giving his support to the decision to keep the two medical programs, also expressed concern that the measure would not serve as a permanent solution. "What we have learned from nursing and pharmacy is an unfortunate way in which to alert the citizens of this state — as well as the academic community — that times are tight."

In a statement aimed at Andrews, Arthur Nelson (pharmacy dean) and Rosalee Yeaworth (nursing dean), Regent James Moy-

lan expressed the hope that Medical Center could return to business as usual. He urged the three to "close ranks and go about accomplishing the mission which the Medical Center is there for — educating our young people."

In other business, the regents approved budget guidelines for the 1986-87 fiscal year. Under these guidelines, tuition for undergraduates would increase 5 percent in the fall of 1986. Tuition for graduate students would increase 15 percent, tuition for professional students (excluding the Medical Center) would increase 20 percent.

The tuition increase would replace the one-time surcharge that is being added on to tuition rates for this fall. As a result,

resident and non-resident undergraduate students would pay the same amount next year as they will this fall (\$43.89 and \$118.97 per credit hour, respectively).

This proposal would increase tuition for resident and non-resident graduate students to \$59.46 and \$141.68 per credit hour, respectively.

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The regents also approved a resolution which called for no requests for major additions to facilities or new construction to be submitted by any of the three NU campuses. The proposal listed seven priority projects, all of which are either in progress or will result in renovation of existing facilities.

Of the seven projects, only one — improving and equipping classrooms and laboratories — would take place at UNO. Total cost of the seven projects would be nearly \$6 million — significantly less than the \$19 million worth of capital construction projects included in a previously announced budget.

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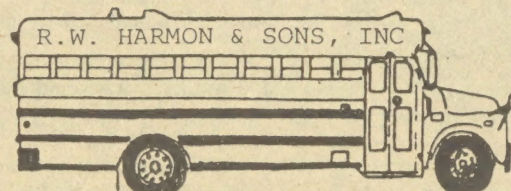
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# Administrative appointments receive final approval

Four members of UNO's administration and faculty have officially found themselves in new positions of responsibility as the result of Saturday's meeting of the Board of Regents. The appointments of Julie Totten, Richard Flynn, David Hinton and B.J. Reed into various positions within the university have all received the regents' approval.

Totten has received the regents approval of her appointment as assistant vice chancellor for business and finance and director of finance. She has served in this capacity on an interim basis since March 1. She has been with UNO since 1972 and has served as budget officer since 1973.

As assistant vice chancellor, Totten's responsibilities extend into the areas of budget, operations analysis, accounting services, student accounts, cashing, grants accounting and property accounting. She describes her position as "a support role for the vice chancellor for business and finance."

Totten said that no one division of her job can clearly be classified as the "most" impor-

tant.

"Depending on who you are you will have a different perspective of what is most important," she said. "If you're having a problem with your billing, you're going to think that student accounts is most important. If you're picking up your student financial aid you might think that cashing is most important. All of the units are important in providing a specific service or performing some responsibility for the institution."

The approval of Flynn as acting dean of UNO's College of Education was also approved by the regents. Flynn replaces Donald Myers who left the university to assume the position of dean of the College of Education at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

Flynn has served as director of the School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) since 1975. Prior to that Flynn was coordinator of UNO's graduate studies in HPER and chairman of the department of HPER.

"I am pleased to be selected to serve as act-

ing dean," said Flynn. "I hope to be a positive contributor to, and representative of this college in working with faculty and departments and to respond to challenges as well as the numerous opportunities available within the College of Education."

In addition to his administrative duties, Flynn has also served as a consultant to universities, communities, agencies, industry and the military for facility planning related to physical education, recreation and athletics.

The regents also approved the appointment of Hinton as dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS). He replaces John Kerrigan, who left the university to become vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Houston — Downtown.

Hinton has served as associate dean of CPACS since 1972. Hinton also served as acting dean of CPACS from 1978 to 1979.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to serve as dean of CPACS," said Hinton. "We have a quality student body dedicated to contributing to society and an excellent faculty dedicated to

serving students and their professions. I believe our college has the capacity for continued growth in its contribution to our communities."

CPACS is composed of the departments of criminal justice and public administration, the School of Social Work, the Goodrich Program, the Gerontology Program and the Center for Applied Urban Research.

Reed will also be assuming a new role within CPACS. The regents approved his appointment as chairperson of UNO's department of public administration.

Reed came to UNO in 1982 as an assistant professor of public administration and was later promoted to an associate professor. He has served as the assistant director for Community and Economic Development for the National League of Cities.

Hinton said he approved of Reed's appointment as chairperson, describing him as "an excellent instructor and researcher who will bring enthusiasm, energy and new insights to the department of public administration."

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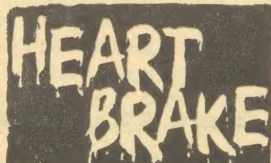
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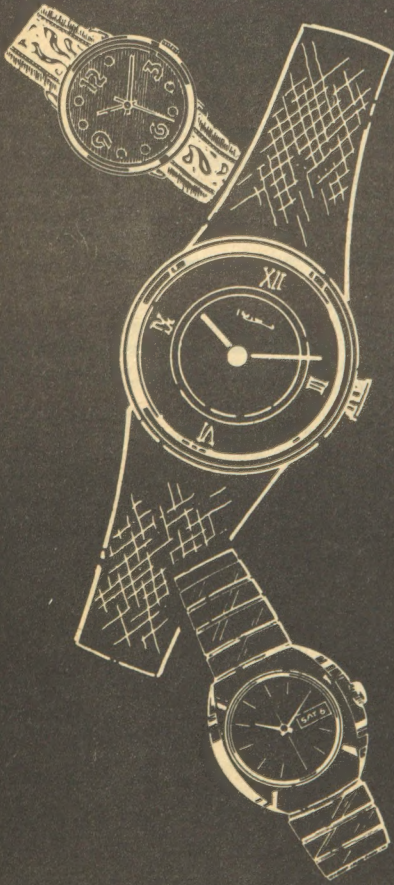
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# Comment

## Short-term cure

It looks as though UNO's budget problems may be under control — this year.

At Saturday's Board of Regents meeting, a resolution allowing funds raised by a one-time tuition surcharge to remain at UNO was approved. About \$463,128 of an expected \$1.9 million raised by the surcharge will go to the Omaha campus. That's good news — this year.

But what about next year, and the year after that? What about 10 years down the road? Will UNO have to worry about what programs to cut from its budget to stay afloat every year? Will the Omaha campus one day be expected to contribute to the budgets of UNL and the Medical Center?

These aren't hypothetical problems. At the June regents meeting, a resolution that might have led to a redistribution of funds raised by the surcharge among the three campuses was put forward. It didn't pass — this year. The next time such a plan is proposed, it could pass.

In spite of the talk about the NU system being one big family, the truth is that it's still made up of three campuses with different needs. Any move to take money from one campus to support another will meet with great resistance.

As long as it's possible, each campus should be responsible for searching for alternatives to cutting programs. The regents made the right decision to raise Medical Center tuition to save the pharmacy college and the Lincoln nursing program. Other alternatives, such as cutting administrative costs and non-academic programs, should be considered by all three campuses before cutting classes, departments and colleges.

If steps aren't taken to bring the university's financial problems under control now, UNO, UNL and the Medical Center will find themselves in the same financial bind — next year.

—KAREN NELSON

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## The Porch Swing by Kevin Cole

## Of Hulksters and Hucksters

It was just one of those nights we all have now and then. It was a muggy 83 degrees at 3 a.m. and Pat Boone was on TV telling about what a raw deal he's gotten because people think of him as a square.

As I sat back in my easy chair and tapped into a can of Carling's after a long night at work, I wondered why some people cry "foul" over a deserved public image.

Hell, we didn't ask Pat to wear white, buckskin shoes, become a milk pusher or to brag about "deep and personal relationships with Jesus Christ."

Who created that person wasn't me.

When Pat acknowledged he had doubts about kissing Shirley Jones on the mouth for the movie "April Love" without first discussing it with his wife, I'm sorry, he just fell out of the Hugh Hefner swinger's competition.

Hey, I don't care if the guy's square. That's his business, his right and probably his destiny. There's nothing objectionable about the whole bit. Boring, yes. Objectionable, no.

Although Pat quibbled about being "a square," he finally admitted that if anyone was

a square, he probably was.

The next night, a similar situation unfolded as I sat down in my easy chair with a cold Carling's after a long night at work. I saw this huge, ugly man in tights and a T-shirt, telling the world that he was a professional wrestler and wrestlers are "the world's greatest athletes."

This man, calling himself "Hulk Hogan," began haranguing the interviewer about not being taken seriously in the world of sports and demanding recognition of wrestling among major sports like football, baseball and basketball.

The Hulkster, as he sometimes refers to himself in the third person, could have been a star in any sport he chose, he said. This Hulkster expounded upon at some length while using a variety of facial contortions, wild analogies and much arm-waving to emphasize his point, all the while denying even the least bit of staging in wrestling programs.

Then his segment concluded and the relieved interviewer moved on to a more sane, less impassioned topic such as whether secular humanism was the work of the devil as argued by

Reverend U.R. Hellbent and the ghost of Clarence Darrow. I considered all Mr. Hogan had asserted, the manner he presented his opinions and his evidence or lack of it. My decision was Hogan and his cronies are not the greatest athletes of our or any other society (including Jonathan Swift's early Lilliputians). But they are the greatest collection of clowns to grace center ring since P.T. Barnum squeezed out of the last buck from that proverbial sucker.

**While boxers compete in relative obscurity, wrestlers are the prima donnas of the fight ring.**

To call professional wrestling and its prescribed matches a sport is like calling Tulane basketball the standard bearer of college athletics.

The fact that thousands of people throng to see the wrestlers' antics and television is giving them increased coverage are more of a tribute to Barnum's insight into human nature than any

required skill.

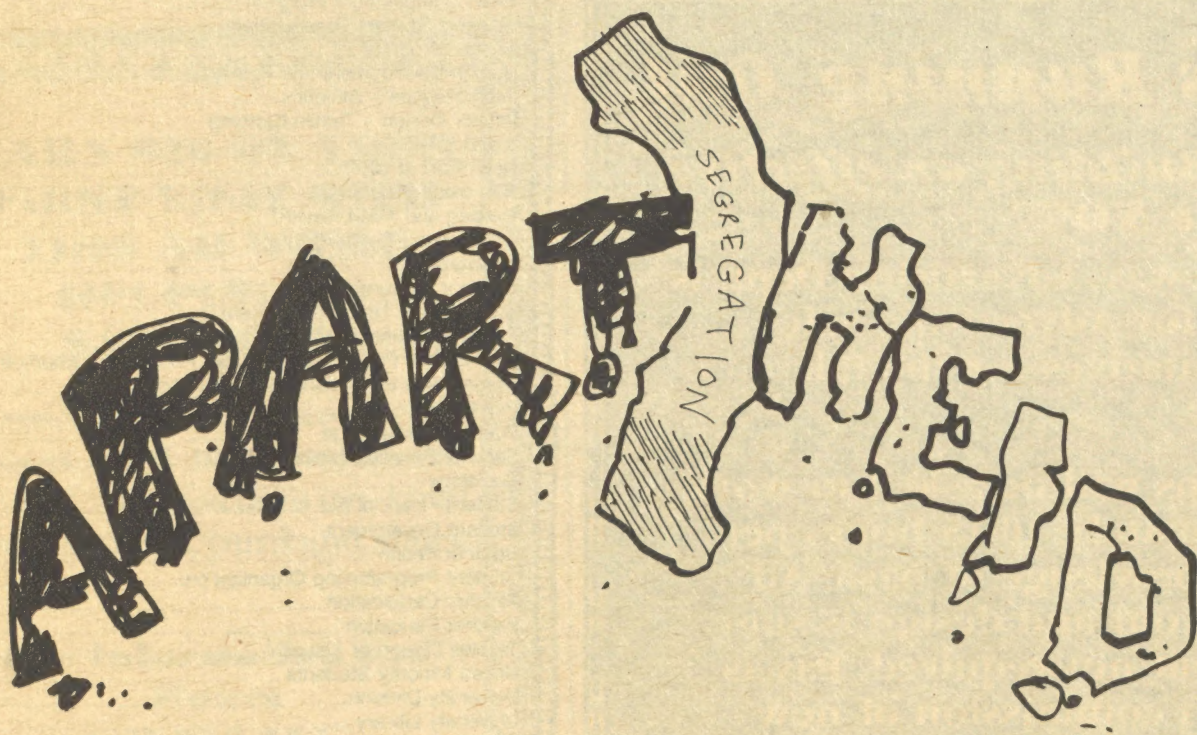
Sure, wrestlers are sometimes injured due to their sheer bulk and the physical requirements of their antics. But in comparison with most boxers, who compete in relative obscurity for real titles and spill real blood, wrestlers are the prima donnas of the fight ring.

They flex muscles, toss their hair (unless, like the old Hulkster, they've lost most of it) and take part in some fairy-tale script of good and bad guy wrestlers.

Now, tonight in the Civic Auditorium, grown men in leotards will fake pratfalls and bellow ridiculous claims and allegations at one another for the entertainment of their fans and the money they will bring with them to the spectacle.

If these so-called wrestlers wish to earn respect, they should learn to quit trying to pass themselves off as athletes on a field of honor and admit to their real role as stunt men in a sideshow.

Even Pat Boone will own up to being a square. These guys should own to being the Hulksters they are.



Bruce McCookindale  
For The Gateway

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## Op Ed

## 'A big stick in one hand, a rubber chicken in the other'

Thank goodness the Russians have the atomic bomb. If the Rosenbergs really had anything to do with giving it to them, they should have been awarded medals as humanitarians instead of being killed as traitors.

I say this for two reasons.

The first reason I'm glad the Russians have the bomb is that it adds so much to the comedic value of world news. Witness Monday's hilarious exchange of rubber-chicken arms proposals between the U.S. and Soviet Union.

The Soviets first informed Washington that they had decided to unilaterally suspend all nuclear tests until Jan. 1, 1986, and offered to extend the moratorium if the U.S. would join in. The U.S. declined immediately, of course, calling it another propaganda ploy by the Russians who, according to Washington, had already stepped up testing for the last six months to make up for the lost time and only wanted to look good for the Geneva Talks anyway.

The U.S. had to counter, though, seeing how Washington had to look good for the Geneva Talks, so we pulled out our own propaganda ploy, which we called "going the extra mile," by inviting the Russians to a nuclear test here in the States. Why the Russians didn't jump at the chance, I don't know. Everyone in the world knows we have the best nuclear tests around . . . all the best people are just *itching* to be invited.

So the Russians offer to stop doing something they don't need to do for a while anyway,

and the Americans refuse to stop, but tell the Russians they can watch us do it if they want to. It's like one guy saying "Hey, I stopped beating my wife until New Years. You wanna stop too?" and the other guy saying "Naw, but if you get bored you can come over and watch me beat mine." Classic humor . . . it really brightened my day.

The second reason I'm glad they've got the bomb is that I truly believe Russian possession of nuclear explosives is the only thing that keeps them from being used. This belief is sup-

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ported by my "big Monkey — big Stick" theory, which some of you may already be familiar with. If not, here is a brief runthrough.

The main thrust of the theory is that man is just a monkey with a stick. This is demonstrated by the fact that humans have done little since their discovery of the hand-held weapon,

and hence upright posture, to separate themselves from other members of the primate family in the areas of peace, justice or mutual understanding. What humans *have* done is developed an amazing variety of sticks with which to bop other humans and just about everything else on the globe.

Secondly, the theory states that the bigger the monkey is, the bigger his stick will be. And since the atomic bomb can justifiably be called the Big Stick, man takes his place as the Big Monkey.

Now, a lesser-known but equally important part of the theory states that if a monkey is in sole possession of the Biggest Stick Around, it (the monkey) will use it with impunity. There are some who argue this part of the theory should more properly state that if a monkey has sole possession of the Biggest Stick Around, it doesn't *have* to use it. This is historically false, and the proof brings us back to my second reason for being glad the Russians have the bomb.

For a while during World War II, the United States had sole possession of the atomic bomb. We were the Big Monkeys, the only ones with the Big Stick. If those who disagree with my theory's article of "Use With Impunity" were right, we would not have dropped the atomic bomb on the Japanese . . . mere possession of the Big Stick would have been enough.

The United States followed the letter of "Use With Impunity," though, by becoming the

first and only country ever to actually *use* the device against anybody, dropping it on two cities full of civilians. And this when it was the only country with the Big Stick, proving that

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humans won't hesitate to deal death to their fellowd as long as they believe they have a sure-fire way of doing so and their fellows do not.

How many other cities would have felt the bop of the Big Stick if we had retained sole possession of it I shudder to think. Happily, though, the Russians acquired the knowledge of atomic explosives, and since then the device has never been used again against anybody, civilian or otherwise.

So, my heartfelt thanks to whoever helped the Soviet Union get the bomb. They helped make the world a safer, funnier place to live. Just one thing worries me, though. How long can a bunch of monkeys keep this barrel of laughs rolling with a Big Stick in one hand and a rubber chicken in the other?

—DAN PRESCHER

## How the new science building liberates the ceiling

The good news is, Peter Kiewit and Sons has been awarded the contract to construct, at last, the forthcoming Science Building. The bad news is . . . the forthcoming Science Building, in its final design, is going to be built at all. If anyone prayed the new building would overturn the prevailing architectural impulse and commit *architecture* for a change, he will be disappointed.

Our campus seems destined to assume the guise of an industrial park, rather than a campus. Or, a business-district mall. At present, we have a) a library which would look perfect as the hub of a shopping plaza; b) a performing arts center which could have been a factory that was rejected by a cosmetics producer; and, c) a fieldhouse which might have been picked up at salvage price from an aircraft manufacturer of the Korean War. All of this, and plenty more, while almost every fine, old, textured house on the west end of campus was razed and carted away in pieces, to make room for the access road to the parking garage.

One understands the imperative, after a fashion, since there cannot be one of us who thrives upon allowing 40 minutes to park a car. But did it have to come to the annihilation of the most handsome portion of campus? It is, by now, an old saw that one ought not to destroy that which is, unless one can replace it with that which is demonstrably improved. But no matter, it seems: Away, then, with the old beauty, and in with the utilitarian flats!

But surely our campus, to be loved, ought first to be lovely (with due apology to Burke).

Granted: the forthcoming Science Building is a bit larger than the facility in which the department of science has performed its worthy mission. But must the entire proposition have been a question of size? Or, of function? Or, both? To the exclusion of all other considerations? Utility has its place, but surely it cannot have become a crime for someone to see something which is more, much more, than a mere matter of size, or function.

One might begin, alas, by having a look at the glass wall which joins two wings of the facility. Therein lies the initial tip-off: the legacy of Mies van der Rohe and his arch-disciples, those self-congratulatory visionaries whose epitaph was forged — in unknowing and delicious irony — by Philip Johnson: "My architecture is almost nothing." Such is the summary of American architecture, since the invasion of the Bauhaus snatchers. Their enduring creed, which has been dissected and preserved in Mr.

**The entire structure resembles something a precocious child might construct from a mixture of Lego and Erector sets. . . . The difference, of course, is, the child would not have dreamt of calling it a university building.**

Tom Wolfe's engaging *From Bauhaus to Our House*, was: Tear the old beauty (how bourgeois!) down. Start from zero, build backs up to zero, and claim you are Building The Future.

Oh, yes, the wings. . . .

What one will see is three huge packages of flat-laid cartons lain atop other flat-laid cartons of various depths, alternating (one presumes) between white and brick red. On the ground-level cartons, one will notice squared recesses which resemble garage doors. Two middle cartons are punctuated by flat slabs of glass, in rows of four, faceless and opaque, as soberly inlaid as one might expect to see in an apartment project. Thin layers of white are slapped atop each of the middle cartons. Each wing is topped with oblong, A-frame boxes with round louvers on ends. The entire structure resembles something a precocious

child might construct from a mixture of Lego and Erector sets, had he started to build a components warehouse and finished with a steeltown workingman's housing project.

The difference, of course, is the child would not have dreamt of calling it a university building.

How did the fathers of UNO react when presented with the final design? If with pleasure, one might wish to light a candle. If with shock, they were not the first university fathers to swallow something not to their taste. Consider Yale University in 1953. Yale commissioned architect Louis Kahn to design an extension to the university's art gallery. Onto the rich, Romanesque original from 1928, Kahn added a slab structure of concrete and beige brick, punctuated with iron strips and glass.

One would have thought an industrialist donated his spare asphalt plant to Yale and said, "Yes! You *can* use it as an art gallery!" By the Wolfe account, Kahn explained to Yale's administrators, "You don't understand? You don't *see* it? You don't see the string courses? They express the floor lines of the existing building. They *reveal* the *structure*. For a quarter of a century, those floors have been hidden behind masonry, completely concealed. Now, they will be unconcealed . . . Honest form — beauty, as you choose to call it — can only result from *unconcealed structure*!"

By the Kahn postulate, then, one is supposed to know that those thin layers of white, atop the middle cartons of the forthcoming building, are supposed to be in line with revealing the structure. As they sit directly above the windows . . . why, they must be saying it is time to liberate the ceiling! From the horrible traps of masonry! (Gee, whiz.) But how is one to explain, with a straight face, to a person who is seeing the campus for the first time, that our architecture is more concerned with liberating the ceiling than with liberating architecture from the horrible traps of utilitarianism?

—JEFFREY A. KALLMAN

## Letters

## 'Is protesting apartheid merely chic?'

## To the Editor:

I am compelled to take issue with the flagrant style and negative emotionalism contained in the Letters to the Editor section of *The Gateway* concerning the subject of South Africa and apartheid (July 26). My letter is not a defense of apartheid; rather it is an attempt to expose the rather one-sided and myopic treatment of it by the media and governments of the world.

First of all, it is necessary to clean up the author's definition of fascism and its relation to the government of South Africa. A reference to the government of South Africa as fascist could be true if we define fascism as an organized and concentrated democracy that exists on a national basis, but the editorial's correlation of "Nazi-type" activities with the South African parliamentary system is erroneous. To call for the actual "hunting down" of the politicians and whites of South Africa, because of their implementation and operation of a gov-

ernment that was recklessly labeled fascist, is rather repugnant to me.

The cure for these "fascist problems" is implied to exist in the principle of "one man, one vote." This solution to the problem of a black majority and a ruling white minority surfaces from the faulty conclusion that South Africa has a black majority. In actuality there are at least eight major tribal units and many more minor ones that all harbor some degree of animosity toward one another. No one tribal unit desires to be ruled by a member from another tribal unit.

What of the African republics who have had the benefit of free elections? Most of them are now Marxist dictatorships. The Soviet bear is hardly a "strawman" erected to deceive the rest of the world. The "benefit" of a free election in Africa usually becomes "one man, one vote, one time" complete with oppression *à la* Soviet Union.

Is South Africa really oppressing its black population to the point that it justly deserves the fascist reputation that has been bestowed upon it by the media? If you agree that it does, why do 500,000 blacks attempt to immigrate to that country every year? Could it be because wages are three to four times that of other African nations? Could this influx of immigration be due to the fact that these wages provide the blacks in South Africa with the highest standard of living on the continent?

South Africa is a sovereign nation. I cannot understand why nearly everyone is determined to follow a course dictated by the media of forcing South Africa to accept a constitutional framework it does not desire. For example, I believe a nation such as Great Britain would be reluctant to adopt the social and political policies of the United States complete with the House, Senate and the Presidency!

Why is everyone a self-proclaimed "expert"

on South Africa? Why aren't there many experts on the Zionist persecution of the Palestinian people? Why aren't students gathering *en masse* to demand divestiture of our interests in Great Britain over the 1,400 to 1,500 political prisoners of Northern Ireland? Why aren't there protest marches against the opportunistic communists of the Soviet Union who have a one-party government, no right of trial by jury, countless gulags for dissenters, and who engage in imperialism at the drop of a hat?

Where are you, Mr. and Ms. righteous American, as these others suffer in ways at least equal to the alleged degradation of the South African blacks? Where are the throngs of student demonstrators and scores of media editorials for these atrocities? Are these other oppressions not *chic* enough for activism? Could this be the real double standard we should be addressing?

Charles E. Dragon



# AFTER MIDNIGHT

*After midnight, we're gonna let it all hang down,  
After midnight, we're gonna find out what it is all  
about,*

*Gonna cause talk and suspicion  
We're gonna give an exhibition  
We're gonna find out what it is all about...*

"After Midnight"—J.J. Cale

What is it all about in Omaha after midnight? Where can you go in Omaha after midnight?

The most obvious choices for fun and frivolity are bars. Omaha's stay open until 1, and if you really want to take the time, you can tip until 2 in Council Bluffs.

But what if drinking isn't what you had in mind? What else is there to do to fill the long, hot summer nights?

## 'Shoppers' let it all hang down

By SHARON de LAUBENFELS

Streaking isn't dead in Omaha — it's just been dormant. You have to be in the right place at the right time, of course, and for many Omahans that's impossible unless your name is Donna Spencer and you are late night grocery shopping.

Just last week, Spencer was shopping at Hinky Dinky at 72nd and Dodge Street about 4 a.m. when, "two naked young men, about 15 or 16 years old, ran through the store yelling, with toilet paper wrapped around their heads and a roll perched — guess where — on each one."

Spencer said it didn't bother her though; she just thought it was funny. Most nights, it's pretty quiet when Spencer and her friend, Pamela Chambers, make their nightly visit to Hinky Dinky. The two friends live in places that are difficult to carry too many groceries into at one time, so they shop every night and make a social event of it. Both women work until late in the evening, meet and go to the Village Inn restaurant and then make their grocery stop.

Neither woman lives near Hinky Dinky, but the store's other location, at 350 N. Saddle Creek Rd., and two Rog and Scotty's Super Valus in Council Bluffs, are the only 24-hour area supermarkets. (There are 66 Omaha-Council Bluffs area convenience stores that are open all night.)

Don Bierman, assistant manager of the 72nd and Dodge Hinky Dinky, says staying open 24 hours is lucrative and there have been no big problems during the wee hours of the morning.

Vandalism in the store bathrooms, a problem that included calling in a plumber three times a week, was stopped by locking the bathrooms from 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. Also, a security guard is on duty from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m., and an overnight manager is on duty after 10 p.m.

According to Hinky Dinky late night security guard Al Antanelis, it's "really quiet around the store until 10 or five to one. Then the beer run starts. Sometimes there's a dispute about the time, whether or not it's really 1 a.m. — but nothing major."

Antanelis said shoplifting goes on at night but not any more so than during the day. Just as there are some people who come every night, or at the same time, there are shoplifters too, who come the same time, Antanelis said.

According to Bierman, a study Hinky Dinky recently conducted revealed the average late night shopper is between 18 and 30 years old, while the average day shopper is 55. There are older customers who do shop late, some who come on the bus, and take only what they can carry, Bierman said.

Things slow down between 2 and 6 a.m., according to Bierman and Antanelis. There are fewer customers, and most of them just get a few things.

It slows down at convenience stores too, after 2 a.m., according to Lisa Danner, a late night checker at an Omaha convenience store. But every once in awhile things can get a little hairy. Like the night Danner witnessed an attempted suicide in front of the store. An 18-year-old man slashed his wrist with a throwing star (martial arts weapon), and then came in the store and threatened Danner and a customer.

According to Danner, the customer turned out to

While researching this story, a lot of ideas came to mind. Maybe we could find some agitation at an all-night laundromat. Find out what sort of people sort socks at 3 in the morning. No luck. By midnight, the quarters are all collected and all cycles are shut off.

Maybe we could strike up some action at a 24-hour bowling alley. We struck out — couldn't find one to spare in Omaha.

Ahhhh... view the stars and wildlife at a city park? A stellar idea; unfortunately, potential star gazers are prohibited in parks between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Eventually, we came up with three general areas that provide nightowls a (legal) place to roost — restaurants, health spas and grocery and convenience stores.

When we realized how little there is to do after midnight, we began to wonder why. Surely there are those in Omaha who don't follow the 9 to 5 routine. Some people work until the wee hours, some are insomniacs and some are just night people who dream to a different drummer.

Maybe midnight and the hours before dawn suffer a negative image passed down through literature and folklore over the years. What time did Cinderella's luck run out? What time of night is referred to as the "witching hour"? Poe's raven arrived "upon a midnight dreary." And some, benign by day, become werewolves at the stroke of 12.

Nevertheless, undaunted by legend and inspired by Cales' lyrics, several new Gateway reporters set out to "find out what it is all about."



Hinky Dinky store at 72 and Dodge St. is host to late night bargain hunters.

be a hero. He got the two throwing stars away from the man, and kept him in the store until the police came.

"The guy was just coo-coo. You have to know how to handle someone like that," Danner said of the incident. "He didn't want money, just attention. It scared me pretty bad, but something like that is very rare."

Danner said there are probably more strange people who come in the store in the early morning hours than during the day, and drunks can sometimes be a problem by, among other things, flirting with her. Danner said she can usually handle the drunks on her own, however.

According to Doug (last name withheld), a late night checker at Hinky Dinky, "There are a high percentage

of strange people who shop late at night; like the woman who flashed everyone in the store one night."

Danner said convenience stores have regulars too, and they experience a beer run right before 1 a.m., especially after a rock concert. Under-age customers sometimes try to buy beer, according to Danner, but they "Check I.D.'s under 26," as it says on a button she wears. Danner also checks prospective cigarette and pornographic magazine customers, to make sure they're 18.

Occasionally the store gets requests for papers to roll cigarettes, but the store discontinued selling them several years ago, Danner said.

Whatever the reason for late night shopping, customers are grateful for the 24-hour grocery stores.

As Spencer said, "If you're going to be afraid, you might as well never leave the house."

## Health spa late-night hot spot

By SARAH THAILING

It was 12:01 a.m. Friday morning at the 24-hour Alpha Fitness Center, 114th & Dodge. Every other business in the shopping center was closed except Savoy's Cafe and Bar.

12:04: a middle-aged woman, whose goals were perhaps to "tone" and "rearrange," entered the health spa wearing a walkman-type apparatus, shorts and a faded, red T-shirt emblazoned with the phrase "GO FOR IT."

"I watch my soap operas during the day," she explained. "I like it at night. There are so many people here during the day." Alpha is the only fitness center in Omaha open 24 hours a day.

The woman signed in, clicked on her headset and began jogging on the carpeted running track that encircles over 20 Nautilus machines and an aerobics area. Eighteen laps around the track equal a mile, according to night supervisor Greg Witthuhn.

"It's not quite like 'perfect.' But if you want to meet people, this is the place to do it," he said of Alpha after midnight. He said as many as 120 people work out at Alpha between midnight and 7 a.m. — including an off-duty police officer, a nurse, a truck driver, a mortician and a lady who teaches piano.

During the graveyard shift, members can use the less-populated tanning booths, aerobics facilities and

swimming area, in addition to the weight rooms and running track. "As long as there's people here, it's not hard to stay awake," Witthuhn said.

12:16: Two young men wearing nothing but tennis shoes and shorts entered the spa. One of them, whose shoulders were anointed with tropical-scented oil, struck a pose in front of one of the mirrors that line the walls of Alpha. The woman in the "GO FOR IT" shirt stopped jogging and turned off her headset.

"Those are pretty muscles. Can I feel them?" She asked.

"No way," he said without giving her a look in the mirror.

"That's Steve. He's a body builder," Witthuhn commented. "Hey, you guys have to wear shirts. If we didn't make guys wear shirts then we couldn't make girls wear them either. And I know some girls who would come out in just tights — that's it."

"I would never wear skin-tight leotards," the woman added. "I think that's disgusting."

12:19: Steve and his companion put on tank tops and started bench pressing close to 200 pounds in the free weights room. One combined spotting and looking at himself in the mirror while the other did five reps and puffily turned red in the face.

"If we don't get toned and attain our goals now, we

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Photos by Roger Tunis



## Hot spots

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will be bummed out for the rest of our lives," said Steve, who said he was a UNO senior.

"It seems to me that the people who go (to Alpha) late at night are the really serious weight lifters," spa member Leslie Johnson, 19, said. "But don't tell me that if you're doing laps you're going to wear a bikini."

12:32: Two young girls walked in and stood near the running track.

"I don't come to the spa to pick up guys," said Tari Vosberg, 19, who said she jogs three miles — after midnight — almost every night of the week. She said there are about four men to every woman at Alpha after midnight.

"I have met quite a few guys, though," she said,

**"Those are pretty muscles. Can I feel them?" she asked.**

adding that she comes to Alpha to meet people and to stay in shape. To strengthen her legs she does leg curls and the leg press.

12:39: Steve and his companion entered the Nautilus area and began to grunt as they did dips, an exercise that focuses on upper body strength.

"I remember one time we heard loud screams coming from the weight room," Vosberg said. "We all ran in to see what it was, but it was just Steve and another guy hyping each other up."

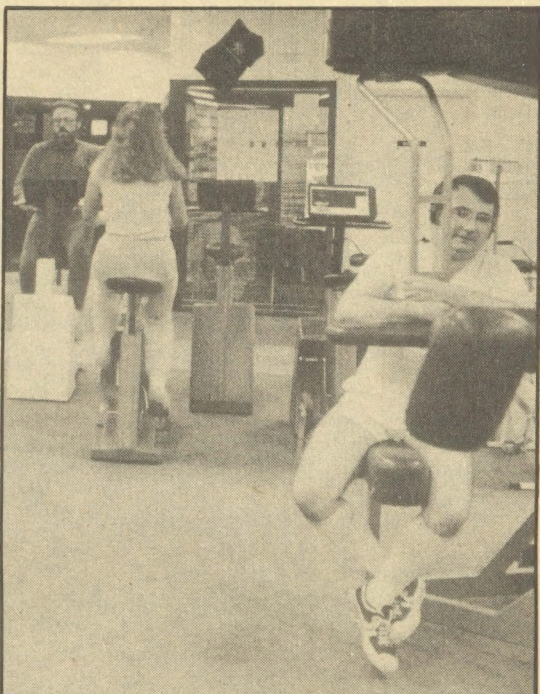
12:44: Vosberg decided to abandon jogging and left the spa. The woman previously wearing the faded, red t-shirt entered the glass-enclosed swimming area, which is equipped with a sauna, steamroom, and whirlpool. She was wearing a one-piece bathing suit.

"I've never been picked up (at Alpha)," said spa member Brian Olson, 20. "But I myself have tried to pick up girls here. You know, you would think it's a great place to pick people up, but, really, it's not."

## Diversity on the menu after midnight

It's been theorized that the reason franchise restaurants such as McDonalds, Village Inn and Pizza Hut maintain popularity (and revenue) is they are safe. They're predictable.

For example, if you're an Omahan driving cross-country and make a dinner stop, chances are you'll seek out the Golden Arches or the red and white gingham of Pizza Hut before you'd choose the local cuisine.



Late-night visitors to Alpha Fitness Center work out on exercise equipment.

Why? Because you know what's on the menu, and the quality of food you'll receive. You've made your choice before you've even walked through the door. Chances are you know the franchise's floor plan, the layout of the tables and probably won't even have to ask the management where the restrooms are.

These franchises have their place in American society. But what if predictable isn't what you want? What about atmosphere . . . ambiance . . . diversity?

And how exciting is predictable? Is predictable really interesting? Where are the interesting, unpredictable place in Omaha to be found after midnight?

*The 11-Worth Cafe*, 25th and Leavenworth, is open 24 hours a day with a neighborhood coffee house atmosphere. The many includes sandwiches, breakfast items and dinners at low prices. Families, the "after the bars close crowd" and the elderly frequent the 11-Worth. One noticeable feature you can't miss is the cook behind the window calling out the orders to the waitresses.

*Sapp Brothers Truckers Cafe*, junction of Highway 50 and Interstate 80, open 24 hours. The truck stop gets the most business after the Horny Bull Bar across the street closes its doors and the nightowls come over for breakfast. Breakfast specials run daily from 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. Definitely good food and a good people-watchers' hang-out.

*The Smoke Pit*, 25th and Farnam, open until 3 a.m. The manager says the restaurant draws mostly a college crowd on the way home from the bars. Go-go dancers entertain in the lounge from 2 p.m. to 1 a.m. Owner Joe Armani said, "We're all crazy in here. The kids get a little out of hand at time and I have to quiet them down."

*The Junction Restaurant*, 4212 S. 84th St., open 24 hours. Has a menu similar to Village Inn and Pancake House but offers a homier atmosphere than the franchises.

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# Review

## 'Back to the Future' presents a blast from the past

Stephen Spielberg's new film, *Back to the Future*, could have just as easily been called *I Was A Teenage Time Traveler*.

Since this is a Spielberg movie, certain ingredients are present. The teenage hero is a misfit. His parents, though basically decent folks, are just a bit out of it. The hero's adult mentor is crazed but sympathetic. Sorry, no space creatures.

But then, when the crazed but sympathetic adult mentor happens to be played by Christopher Lloyd who needs aliens? Lloyd's Doc Brown, inventor of various thingamajigs that often don't work, is a man possessed.

Brown's latest thingamajig, a time machine built inside a DeLorean sports car and powered by plutonium ripped off from a group of Libyan terrorists, works.

When an early-morning demonstration of the time machine is rudely interrupted, Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox of *Family Ties*) escapes in the DeLorean — not just down the street, but down the street in his hometown, 1955.

Marty's encounter with the generation gap on a large scale is played for laughs, but more subtly than you'd expect. The crumbling porno theater of the '80s was showing Ronald Reagan movies in the '50s. Today's aerobics studio was yesterday's malt shop. An explanation that Ronald Reagan is president in 1985 is greeted with "So who's vice-president? Jerry Lewis?"

The one thing Marty discovers that time hasn't changed in 30 years is the behavior of certain people in his life. Marty's father, George (Crispin Glover), as an adult and a teenager manages to make the average wimp look like a tower of strength. The town bully, Biff (Thomas F. Wilson), is a 17-year-old's idea of pure evil — crude, brutal and obnoxious.

Lorraine Baines McFly (Lea Thompson) at first appears to have made the most changes in 30 years. An overweight, harried



Trapped? Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox, center), teenage time traveler, looks for help from Doc Brown (Christopher Lloyd) when Lorraine Baines, (Lea Thompson), Marty's future mother, comes to call.

woman who can't get through a simple family dinner without polishing off a bottle of vodka in 1985, young Lorraine is slim, flirtatious and a boy-chaser.

Once Marty enters the past, he is faced with several challenges: Can he make it back into the future? Can he do so without changing history? Can Marty escape the clutches of his mother-to-be who, has a crush on him?

Glover, Wilson and Thompson are more convincing as teenagers. The adults they play are cartoon characters. Glover and Thompson make the teenaged George and Lorraine seem more human, with real hopes and emotions. Wilson's Biff is more convincing as a teenager simply because the bully's actions are

too immature to be believed from most adults.

As for Fox — let's just say that if I were 14 years younger, I'd probably have his picture on my bedroom wall.

*Back to the Future* is good summer afternoon fun. If there's a message at all, it probably goes like this: The past is a nice place to visit, but who would want to live there? (Don't be surprised if there's a sequel in a few years. Maybe the producers will call it *Blast From the Past*.)

—KAREN NELSON

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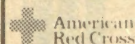
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